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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: MANSFIELD INTERVIEW

REF: TOKYO 5273

1. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE MANSFIELD IS OUT OF TOWN AND WE ARE UNABLE TO DISCUSS TIME INTERVIEW WITH HIM. (WE HAVE ALSO NOT YET SEEN COMPLETE TEXT OF INTERVIEW.) MANSFIELD DID PREVIOUSLY TELL DEPTOFFS AND TIME INTERVIEWER THAT HIS REMARKS SHOULD BE READ IN CONTEXT OF HIS DECEMBER 10, 1976 REPORT, "THE END OF THE POSTWAR ERA: TIME FOR A NEW PARTNERSHIP OF EQUALITY WITH JAPAN."

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2. IN THAT REPORT, MANSFIELD RECOMMENDED GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF US GROUND FORCES FROM ROK "AS THAT NATION'S MILITARY STRENGTH IMPROVES." REPORT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY TAKE UP ROLE OF US' JAPANESE BASES IN ROK DEFENSE, BUT IT DOES EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF DEALING WITH JAPAN AS EQUAL, NOTING THAT SECURITY TREATY IS "SYMBOL OF NEED FOR DAY-TO-DAY COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND US ACROSS WIDE

RANGE OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES." THUS MANSFIELD OBVIOUSLY BELIEVES THAT WE NEED TO COORDINATE WITH GOJ ON SECURITY MATTERS, PRESUMABLY INCLUDING ANY KOREAN CONTINGENCY. WE BELIEVE HIS REMARKS TO TIME REFLECT BELIEF, IMPLICIT IN HIS REPORT, THAT US FORWARD DEFENSE SYSTEM IN WESTPAC,

INCLUDING JAPAN BASES, COULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE AIR SECURITY FOR ROK AND THAT WITHDRAWAL OF US GROUND FORCES SHOULD NOT, THEREFORE, BE DESTABILIZING.

3. WE FULLY SUPPORT EMBOFF COMMENT TO EFFECT THAT EXCESSIVE SEMANTIC ANALYSIS OF SUCH REMARKS IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE'S REMARKS WERE MADE IN BROAD CONTEXT OF EAST ASIAN SECURITY SITUATION. MOREOVER, AS WE HAVE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED, WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING OTHER THAN GROUND FORCES FROM ROK. EMBASSY MAY WANT TO REEMPHASIZE THIS POINT IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY.

4. WE INTEND TO COVER SECURITY MATTERS AND OTHER ISSUES MORE THOROUGHLY WITH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING BRIEFINGS.

5. EMBASSY MAY USE ABOVE INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MOFA. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MOFA GUIDANCE PROPOSED PARA 2 REFTEL.

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